



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6886

House of Representatives, March 31, 2015

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. BARAM of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOOD LABELING REQUIREMENTS TO NONALCOHOLIC MALT BEVERAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 21a-92c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2015*):

4 (b) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply
5 to any of the following:

6 (1) Alcoholic beverages;

7 (2) "Nonalcoholic malt beverages," which, for the purposes of this
8 subdivision, means beverages containing not more than one-half of
9 one per cent alcohol by volume, obtained by alcohol fermentation of an
10 infusion or concoction of water, hops, barley malt or cereal grains;

11 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Food intended for human consumption that is not packaged

12 for retail sale and that either: (A) Is a processed food prepared and
13 intended for immediate consumption, or (B) is served, sold or
14 otherwise provided in any restaurant or other food facility that is
15 primarily engaged in the sale of food prepared and intended for
16 immediate consumption;

17 [(3)] (4) Farm products that are sold by a farmer or the farmer's
18 agent to a consumer at a pick-your-own farm, roadside stand, on-farm
19 market or farmers' market; and

20 [(4)] (5) Food consisting entirely of, or derived entirely from, an
21 animal that was not genetically engineered, regardless of whether such
22 animal was fed or injected with any genetically-engineered food or any
23 drug that was produced through means of genetic engineering.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2015	21a-92c(b)
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GL *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no fiscal impact to the state as it does not substantially alter the duties of the Department of Consumer Protection with regard to the labelling of genetically engineered foods.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6886*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF GENETICALLY-ENGINEERED FOOD LABELING REQUIREMENTS TO NONALCOHOLIC MALT BEVERAGES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill exempts nonalcoholic malt beverages from the law's genetically engineered food labeling requirements. These beverages include those with up to .5% alcohol by volume, obtained by alcohol fermentation of an infusion or concoction of water, hops, barley malt, or cereal grains.

By law, once four other states with a combined northeast region population of at least 20 million and one state bordering Connecticut pass similar requirements, foods intended for human consumption that are entirely or partially genetically engineered must be labeled as such. The requirement currently does not apply to certain food products, such as (1) alcoholic beverages, (2) food not packaged for retail sale that is intended for immediate consumption, and (3) certain farm products.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

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